

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Midwest Energy Consumers Group,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	File No. EC-2017-0107
)	
Great Plains Energy Incorporated,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

NOTICE OF CONTESTED CASE AND ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: October 12, 2016

Effective Date: October 12, 2016

On October 11, 2016, the complainant filed the complaint, a copy of which is attached. The filing of a complaint requires the Commission to set a hearing.¹ The requirement of a hearing on the issues described in the complaint signifies a contested case.² A contested case is a formal, adversarial, evidentiary hearing procedure.

The Commission's regulation provides the respondent with 30 days from the date of this notice to file an answer.³ The Commission also desires the recommendation of Staff,⁴ so the Commission will order an answer and recommendation. The Commission's provisions for discovery are at 4 CSR 240-2.090.

As alternatives to the formal evidentiary hearing procedure, contested case procedure allows for waiver of procedural formalities and a decision without an evidentiary

¹ Section 386.390.5, RSMo 2000.

² Section 536.010(4), RSMo Supp. 2013.

³ 4 CSR 240-2.070(8).

⁴ 4 CSR 240-2.070(11).

hearing, including by stipulation and agreement.⁵ The Commission also offers mediation, a voluntary process in which a neutral person assists the parties in exploring opportunities for settlement. Upon a request for mediation, the Commission may suspend the schedule set forth in this order.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The commission's data center shall serve a copy of the complaint upon the respondent, by certified mail, postage prepaid.
2. No later than November 14, 2016, the respondent shall file an answer.
3. No later than November 23, 2016, the Commission's staff shall file a recommendation, which may refer in whole or in part to documents relevant to the complaint's subject matter already on file with the Commission.
4. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Daniel Jordan, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 12th day of October, 2015.

⁵ Section 536.060, RSMo 2000; 4 CSR 240-2.115.